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Anti-fee hike protestors face \$2000 fines

by Heidi Modro

MONTREAL (CUP) — More than 100 students who stormed Montréal's stock exchange last spring to protest Québec tuition fee hikes may each face a \$2000 fine and a criminal record.

Charges of mischief and obstructing police were laid against 184 of the 350 Université de Montréal (U de M) students who staged a sit-in at the Montréal Stock Exchange March 20, said Charles

Beaudoin-Côté, the lawyer representing U de M's student council.

The demonstrators were protesting the provincial government's decision to boost tuition fees from \$540 to \$890 this year and \$1240 in the 1991-92 school year. Universities are also allowed to slap on an extra 10 per cent administrative fee.

Beaudoin-Côté said the students have not decided whether to ask the Crown to drop the charges or plead guilty to a lesser charge of trespassing.

But Beaudoin-Côté said he will argue that expressing a political opinion as the students did is not tantamount to being a criminal.

"By laying these charges, the government wants to teach students a lesson," he said. "The government wants to muzzle students by way of a trial."

Montreal Urban Community police arrested demonstrators without reading them their rights or warning them they could leave the building peacefully, Beaudoin-Côté

added.

"There were many procedural problems," he said. "With demonstrations going on all over town, we still haven't figured out why they decided to pick on these students the way they did."

If convicted, students' chances of entering law, medicine or engineering schools will be shattered, according to the president of U de M's student council.

"There are many fields of study where you are not allowed to have

a criminal record," Cedric Potel said. "Our only recourse would be to ask for a pardon from the Queen and that might take very long."

Potel said the protesters targeted the stock exchange to emphasize the corporate world's unwillingness to help universities financially.

"We chose the stock exchange for symbolic purposes," he said. "Our demonstration was peaceful and we didn't harm anyone. We were there to express a political opinion."

Ethel Blondin calls for restructuring of Native-government relations

by Antony Southam and Trefor Smith

Ethel Blondin, Liberal Member of Parliament for the Western Arctic, was at McGill on Friday talking to students about Native issues including land claims policy and the government's handling of the Mohawk crisis.

"The relationship between Canada and the First Peoples has to be addressed," said Blondin.

She criticized the Tory's response to the situation at Kanata, saying the crisis was an "issue of sovereignty" the government allowed to get out of control.

According to Blondin the government abdicated its responsibility in order to avoid endangering other issues on their political agenda such as the proposed Goods and Services Tax.

"The National Defence Act was used as a shield that allowed the government to avoid recalling parliament," said Blondin.

She said the NDA was used instead of the War Measures Act because the latter requires that parliament be recalled within seven days of its implementation.

Blondin called Canada's current land claims policy out of date.

She said under the present policy, the interim protection of lands

under claim is threatened. This is compelling Natives to negotiate and sign agreements more quickly than may be in their best interests. Some self-government agreements can leave Natives with less rather than more rights, she said.

Calling the process unacceptable, Blondin said the aim of the government is to silence future demands by native groups.

She called for a restructuring of native-government relations as a solution to the dead-lock between Natives and the government.

With over 450 land claims waiting to be processed, Blondin said that a minister must be named to deal exclusively with these matters and a Land Claims Tribunal put in place to speed things up.

Blondin also called for a Royal Commission on native rights which would initiate both a healing process and a renewed dialogue in the wake of Brian Mulroney's lack of leadership throughout the native crises of the past spring and summer.

If the government does not address the problems facing Natives, Blondin said she would not rule out the possibility of other Oka-like confrontations occurring, especially in light of the post-Meech Lake resurgence of "red power".



Students incriminated for expressing a political opinion, lawyer says

Kahnawake Mohawk takes legal action against military

by Erik Rutherford

Flint Eagle, a Mohawk from Kahnawake, is taking legal action against a military sergeant who he says threatened him with bodily injury.

Last Wednesday, according to Eagle, a group of soldiers in front of the Kahnawake Sports Complex were taunting him. A military sergeant emerged from the building and questioned Flint, suggesting that Flint instigated the name calling.

"He asked me if I had called one of his men an asshole a week earlier. I told him maybe I had."

"Then the sergeant told me these were his men and as soon as he was in blue jeans and out of his uniform he was going to break my legs," Flint said.

Flint's lawyer said the threat constitutes a criminal offense punishable by up to ten years in prison.

The incident has been reported to commanding officer Captain Larrière in the presence of Military Police, as well as to Mohawk Peacekeepers.

MP Pierre Labourdette took the complaint that afternoon but was not permitted to speak to the *Daily*. A military spokesperson who refused to give his own name, spoke on Labourdette's behalf.

"We are investigating," he said. He claimed the military had video tapes that could disprove Flint's account of the incident. "We have him on tape calling us assholes. He's trying to intimidate us but this will not work."

"He interferes with the law," said the spokesperson.

"Flint was in the forefront when the Mohawks came to the barricades. Just look at his legs and you will see they are all scratched from the razor wire," he said.

But Flint tells a different story.

"The razor wire was four feet in front of me and they bounced it straight onto me. They paint me as a radical simply because I stand up to them and state the illegality of their military operation. They are intimidated by facts."

Flint is aware of the tapes and encourages the military to show them to the public.

"Those tapes will simply prove that I was stating our rights without using slanderous language. Any name calling was only in exchange."

The military has not made the tapes available.

It is unclear how far the army will take their investigation. Flint's lawyer is pursuing the case through legal channels.

"I'm a marked man. Because I'm speaking out, they consider me a threat," said Flint.



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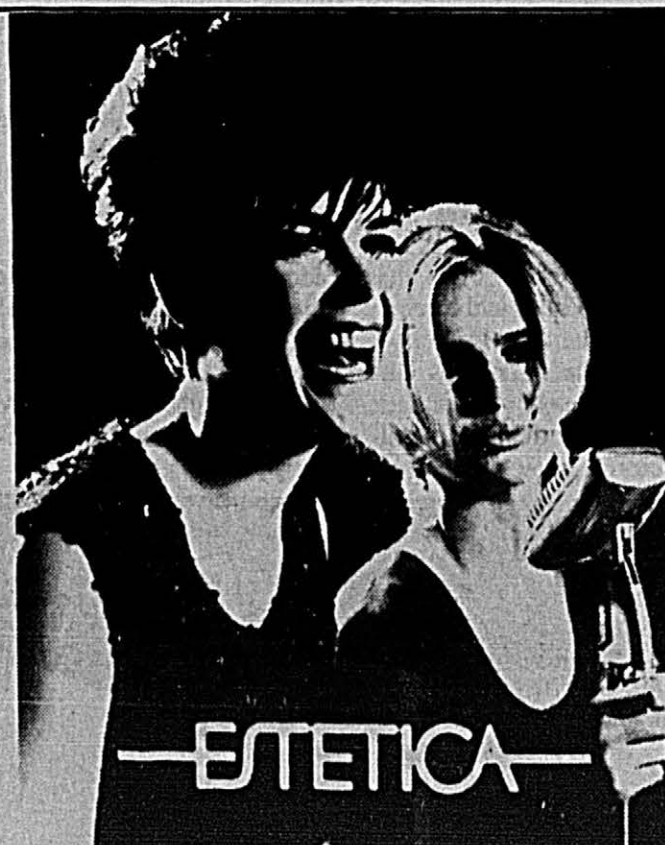


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Peace march a success despite confrontation with racists, says organiser

Activists walk across eastern Canada for Nitassinan

by Alex Poullis

An ongoing peace march for the emancipation of Nitassinan from military training flights is going well, despite a minor setback.

"In fact, it's going beyond our initial expectations," said Philippe Duhamel of the Alliance for Non-Violent Action (ANVA).

The Freedom for Nitassinan Walk is a collaboration between ANVA and Innu groups. It will span two thousand kilometres,

across Ontario, the Maritimes, and Québec, ending in Ottawa.

"The point is to protest and resist the seizure of the Innu peoples' land for war training, through non-violent, direct action," said Duhamel.

So far, 12 people have joined the walk which began August 6 in Halifax.

Duhamel said the marchers were well-received Thursday night in Rivière du Loup. But the group was not so welcome when it stopped in

Cabano, Québec, about 30 miles from the New Brunswick border.

"We were supposed to have a big conference in the auditorium of their polyvalente, but the event was cancelled after self-proclaimed Nazis in the school threatened to disrupt the event," he said.

Duhamel said the "nazis" were rumoured to be mostly male teenagers expounding the idea of a superior Québécois race.

"We have no evidence at all that this is linked to any fascist group,"

he said. "It seemed more likely that these people were on their own."

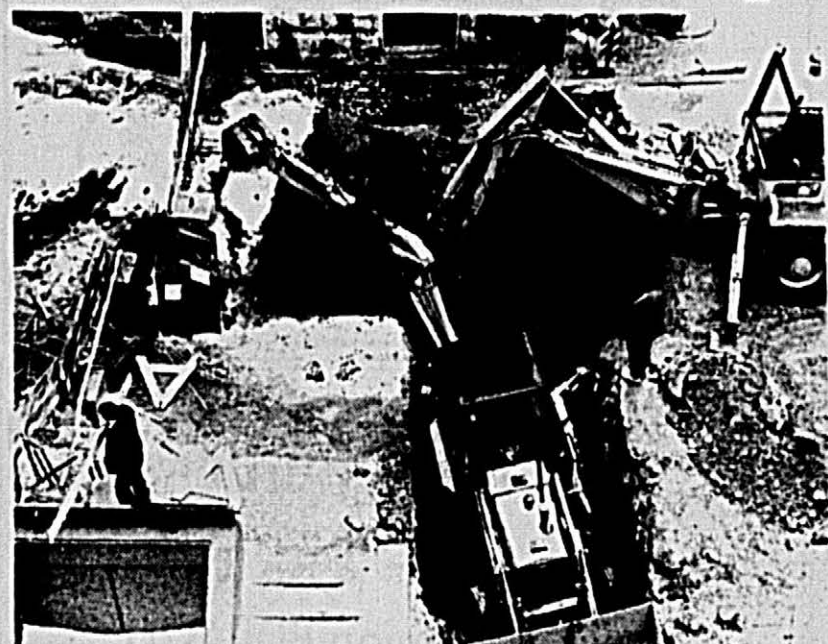
Although such incidents have been rare, Duhamel said "they expect more trouble before the walk ends."

Low-altitude NATO bomber exercises over Nitassinan have taken place since 1979. The Innu, who have never ceded control of their land, say these flights are leading to their genocide.

The 140-decibel noise of the jets, which often fly as low as 30

metres, creates serious health problems for people and disrupts animal immune systems. About 30 flights take place each day — 9000 a year — over Northern Québec and Labrador.

The march will arrive in Montréal during the week of November 21. Protesters will address a peace rally, Sunday October 28, at 12h30, at Parc La Fontaine.



Is SSMU digging FEEQ into a pit by ignoring graduate demands?

PGSS joins search for Romanian students missing since June riots

by Aruna Handah

A Romanian student has asked McGill graduate students for help locating comrades still missing after a dawn raid on a makeshift tent city in Bucharest's University Square last June.

The Post Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) addressed a letter to Romanian Ambassador Emelian Rodean and Minister for External Affairs Joe Clark, requesting the immediate release of Marian Munteanu and three architecture students arrested during the mid-June riots.

Munteanu, arrested June 13, was leader of the Romanian Student League.

PGSS later learned that Munteanu had been released August 2. But there has been no response to the letter.

According to Pierre Guimond, a spokesperson at Clark's office, External Affairs is not concerned with the situation of Romanian students in Romania.

"Priority is given to cases involving Canadians. You're talking about four students in Romania who aren't even Canadian."

"Nothing has been done officially" with regard to the students, he said.

Guimond was aware of the re-

lease of Munteanu but had no information on the status of the other three students named in the PGSS letter.

The Romanian Embassy did not return the *Daily's* calls.

Back in Romania

The protestors had occupied the square since April 22, demanding the resignation of high-ranking Communists from the newly elected government of Ion Iliescu.

Munteanu was among 1000 protestors, passers-by and political activists arrested between June 13 and 18.

Iliescu issued an appeal to Romania's working class to save the democracy from the "fascist rebellion" of the University Square protestors. Over 10 000 'miners' answered and took to the streets of Bucharest armed with government supplied iron bars, ax handles and chains.

By June 15, over 500 were injured and the official death toll was eight, according to Domnica Marghesco, of Amnesty International in Montréal. Marghesco is the student who approached PGSS for help.

"The government took advantage (of the University Square Riot) to arrest people who were not in the Square," she said. "They went to

known addresses of outspoken opponents."

Marghesco said the so-called miners are believed to be government thugs hired by the previous Communist regime, and some are believed to be former members of the government's security force.

Munteanu suffered a fractured skull and was held in a prison hospital in Bucharest. He was charged with instigating a student riot, a charge which Munteanu dismissed as "groundless" in a Romanian television interview.

Although it is likely that Marin Teodora, Alexei Calin and Andreas Morarescu, the three other students named in the PGSS letter, are among the majority of protestors released in August and September of this year, their status remains unclear.

Marghesco, in conjunction with Ed Broadbent's Committee for Development and Democracy, is setting up a link with Munteanu of the Student League and Octavian Paler of the Free Romania independent newspaper to provide them with books, laboratory equipment and office supplies. Drop new and used materials off at Room 1011 of the MacIntyre Building at 3655 Drummond Street or call Domnica Marghesco at 398-4321.



Hot new housing code

Soon, landlords will be required by law to keep their tenants hot. Last Tuesday, city council's Housing Planning and Public Works Commission submitted amendments to the City's housing code. If adopted, Montréal's by-laws will specify the temperature landlords are obliged to guarantee their tenants — 23° Celsius (70° Fahrenheit) in winter and in summer.

MCM councillor Arnold Bennett said, "landlords will have to maintain this even if its -25° outside."

Current regulations are less specific and have been abused by landlords, partly because many tenants are not familiar with the guidelines. For example, some think they are entitled to heating only after October 1, said Bennett.

"People who have inadequate heating have rights they aren't aware of," he said.

Bennett is in the Union Building every Tuesday between 11h and 13h staffing a housing information clinic for students.

Here comes the referendum

Graduate reps asked council last Thursday to exclude graduate students from this fall's referendum on membership in Québec's newest student federation, FEEQ.

The provincial graduate association in which McGill graduates are members is currently negotiating with FEEQ and will submit a decision by January 1991 on its relationship with the federation.

Graduate rep Eric Darier asked that McGill not jeopardize the position of its graduate students by forcing them to participate in a second, perhaps contradictory, arrangement. But the suggestion was not well received.

"We are as a whole, we should go in as a whole," said engineering rep Gino Brancatelli.

Two members of the executive, Kate Morisset and Alex Usher both said, though not simultaneously: "we are bound by a constitution."

Brancatelli asked if there were not some internal FEEQ officer to help graduate students find their place within FEEQ. Law rep Robert Fabes introduced FEEQ's VP graduate affairs to council.

"Do you want to know who it is? It's Mr. Darier," said Fabes.

A roll call vote defeated Darier's amendment with only three dissenting votes — the three graduate councillors.

The original motion to take membership in FEEQ to a campus wide referendum this October passed without debate. The referendum will be held October 23, 24, and 25.

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Abortion bill signals new role for clinics

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Today, abortion clinics are preparing to pick up the slack for the increasing numbers of doctors in hospitals across the country who are closing their doors to Canadian women.

BY DEANNE FISHER
CANADIAN UNIVERSITY PRESS

In short, 'you ain't seen nothing yet', is what opponents are saying of Bill C-43, a bill that will put abortion back into the criminal code when and if it becomes law.

Already, at least 50 doctors across the country are refusing women abortions. The new law will leave doctors vulnerable to harassment in the form of legal prosecution by anti-choice activists. They don't want the headaches or the publicity.

The law would demand that abortions be performed only when the physical or mental health of the woman is in danger. Advocates of choice, and many doctors, say the only reason a woman should need to give is that she does not want to have a child.

The bill itself is buried somewhere in the Senate chambers, smothered in the media by the GST, procedural filibustering and the accelerated appointments of new Tory senators. If Senate votes on the bill, observers expect it to pass.

In the meantime, abortion clinics are taking on a new role for Canadian women. Once considered the alternative to a hospital abortion — a privilege for those who can afford the extra charge and a trip to the nearest big city — abortion clinics may be the only service women can continue to depend on.

Professionals jump ship

The results of an informal poll among doctors conducted by the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) showed a "substantial reduction in the numbers of physicians who will provide services" should Bill C-43 pass.

The CMA warned the government that doctors would jump ship, says CMA official Doug Geekie.

Women from smaller cities and towns are already being forced to travel long distances. But the major exodus has yet to come, says Geekie. When the bill is passed and the first charges are laid against a doctor for performing an abortion, doctors will stop in droves.

Pregnancy counsellors are on their guards, waiting to receive word that the doctors they rely on for abortions are stopping the practice.

About the only thing they don't

worry about are the clinics.

"Clinic physicians tend to be more political. They're doing it out of a sense of duty to women. They're not likely to quit," says Jane Holmes, executive co-ordinator of the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League.

Clinics have long been preferred by the pro-choice movement but not by provincial governments. With the exception of Québec, no provincial medical plan fully funds abortions in clinics.

Some provinces pay the doctor's fee but operating a clinic takes staff, equipment and a building. Those costs are incorporated into a fee for abortions which starts at about \$200 and rises with the duration of the pregnancy.

Not only is the cost prohibitive but clinics are few and far between, concentrated in Vancouver, Montréal and Toronto.

"It's difficult for a lot of women to come to a clinic. They need to travel and they don't like to announce to their bosses and teachers that they need the day off to go into the city to have an abortion," says Cherie MacDonald, a spokesperson from the Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics.

The coalition is hoping Ontario's new NDP government will follow through on its commitment to women's issues by funding clinic abortions and setting up more clinics outside Toronto. They also hope the attorney general's government will ignore the abortion law by rejecting charges against doctors as frivolous.

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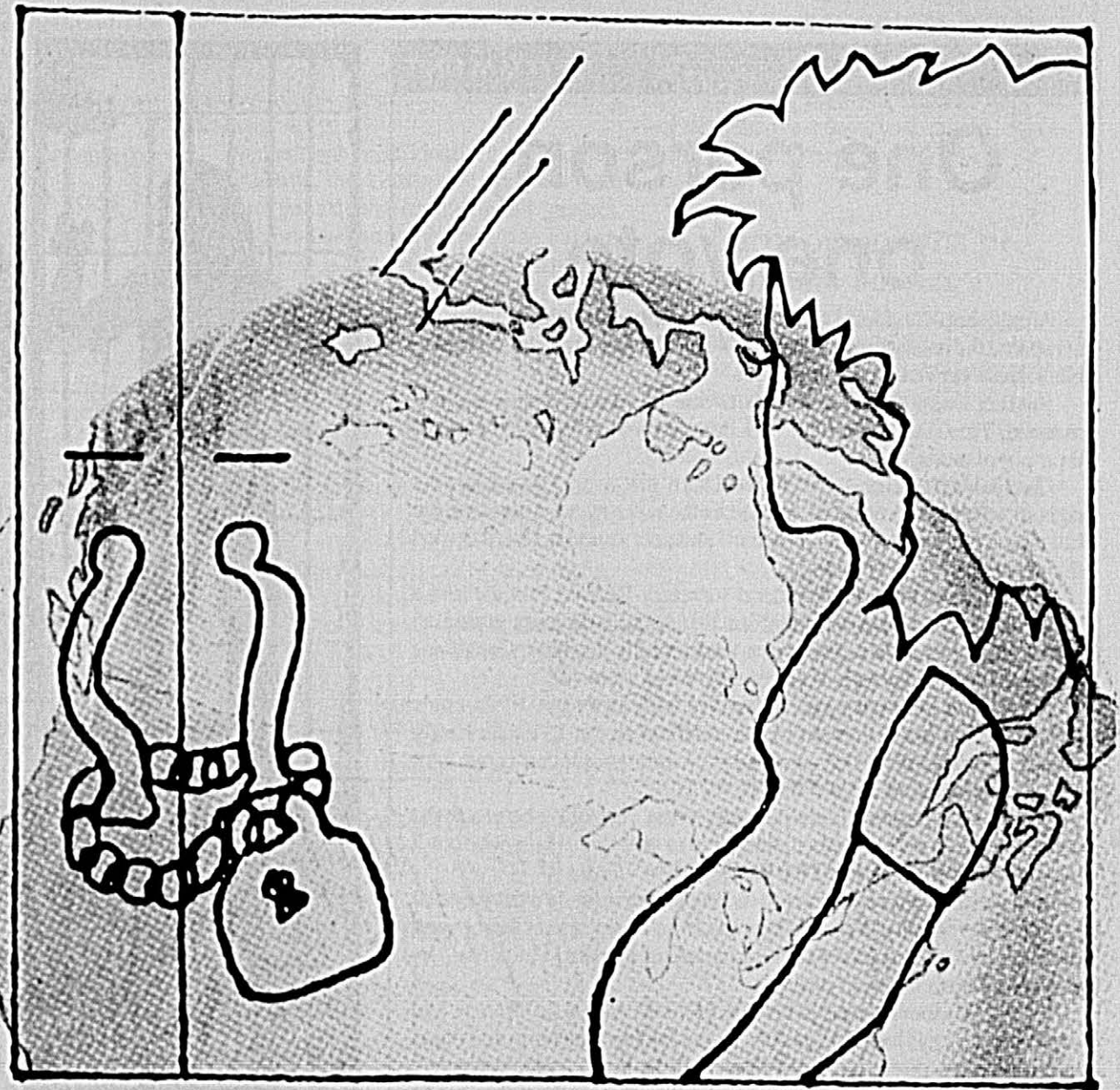
But some provinces don't even have groups formed to lobby for abortion clinics let alone a decidedly pro-choice government:

- Only one doctor, nearing retirement, performs abortions in Newfoundland;

- No abortions are performed in Prince Edward Island;

- The Nova Scotia government has passed anti-clinic legislation; Dr. Henry Morgentaler has opened a clinic in Halifax and is challenging the legislation;

- There are no clinics in New Brunswick and only four hospitals perform abortions;



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- Québec has a network of clinics funded by the government;

- The doctor's fees in Ontario's four abortion clinics — all in Toronto — are paid by the government but operating costs are paid by patients;

- Access to abortion is limited to the city of Winnipeg in Manitoba where there is one Morgentaler clinic; 90 per cent of Winnipeg abortions are performed in one hospital which is already cutting back;

- The Saskatchewan government funds only "medically necessary" abortions; hospitals serve local women only; doctors must give women "a reasonable understanding of the state of fetal development" before performing an abortion;

- Alberta requires the opinion of two doctors; there are no clinics but Morgentaler would like to open one in Edmonton where women are being turned away because of overcrowding; many Albertan women head to the United States for abortions;

- B.C.'s abortion clinics are partially funded by the government, as in Ontario.

Clinics don't have to be a financial burden to provincial governments, according to lobbyists.

Henry Morgentaler pioneered a method that requires only local anesthetic as opposed to general anesthetic delivered by most hospitals.

"A small town can still have a clinic," says MacDonald. "They can be set up easily and are very cost effective."

The CMA's Geekie says the clinic doctors, because of their specialized practice, have become "experts" at performing abortions compared to hospitals.

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Sober thought

The outcomes of the Senate debate over Bill C-43 could range from the highly unlikely defeating of the bill to death on the order paper because of procedural stalling. Justice Minister Kim Campbell, who expressed qualms about the bill when doctors began to withdraw services, could refuse to proclaim it law even if the Senate passes it.

The CMA expects the Senate to begin dealing with Bill C-43 by about the middle of October.

Perhaps not coincidentally, pro-choice groups are planning a national day of action for Oct. 13, their last chance in a campaign that has been overshadowed by Meech Lake and the GST. The day the House of Commons voted on Bill C-43, Mikhail Gorbachev's visit stole the show.

The October 13 rally in Montréal will take place at 12h in Phillips Square. Contact: Cynthia Kelly 362-1032.

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One person, one vote

Archbishop Desmond Tutu shocked many Canadians when he compared the reservations where we've hidden our First Nations to the black shantytowns of South Africa.

But there's another similarity between the apartheid state and our own that Tutu didn't mention: both deny the vote to selected parts of their populations.

Canada's democracy rests on the claim that every citizen has the right to vote for representatives. But as the rules stand, prisoners, the homeless, the 'mentally incompetent' and people under 18 are denied that right.

In mid-September, NDP federal secretary Richard Proctor told a royal commission on electoral reform that the party favours extending the electorate to include prisoners, the mentally disabled, Canadians living abroad, and people between 16 and 18 years old.

Even these minimal suggestions met with scorn in the *Gazette's* letters page (Josette Lincourt of Montréal wrote, "at 16 one is barely mature enough to blow one's own nose"). Some people can't cope with the fact that their children think.

Age is no measure of competence. A ten year old who reads the newspaper is likely to be more competent to vote than adults who can't name their own Member of Parliament.

And youth care more about the future prosperity and environmental health of the country than older people, who often cannot see beyond their next tax return. Long-term pragmatism is called "idealism" by people with privileges to protect.

Youth, prisoners, the homeless, people with mental differences and expatriate citizens have perspectives that vary from the norm and could widen political discourse. They deserve to be heard and represented.

But our social structure remains so phobic it denies them the chance to participate in decision-making, as though these small groups could rise up and overwhelm 'the will of the majority'.

In our system, politicians' careers ride on donations and votes, not noble works. Even the poor are courted with pre-election perks. But the needs of prisoners, youth and the homeless are ignored because these people have no political leverage at all.

Schools, jails and alleyways are the townships to which Canada consigns its disenfranchised. We sing of Nelson Mandela's liberty but condone constraints on freedom at home.

One person, one vote. Now. Here.

Carl Wilson



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LETTER

Homophobic and illegal?

The Daily received a copy of the following letter to M. Aikens, the co-ordinator of Off Campus Housing.

Dear Ms. Aikens:

Further to a letter received by LAGEM from PGSS dated August 24, 1990, and my subsequent telephone conversation with you, LAGEM's Executive has met to discuss issues relating to the Off Campus Housing Listings Policy that you have recently adopted.

Gay positive does not mean only gay. According to law, as defined by the Québec Human Rights Commission and the Régie du Logement, such a distinction of preference is allowable when seeking another party to share accommodations.

Your decision, as you pointed out to me, has put you in a difficult position. You must remember, however, that you put yourself there.

LAGEM's Executive has passed a motion condemning your decision, and demands that you return to members of the McGill community their right, as provided for by law, to advertise with Off Campus Housing indicating any preference for 'gay/lesbian positive' where desired.

Your option, it appears, lies in joining the ranks of homophobes that can seem to flourish at McGill University.

LAGEM strongly urges you to reconsider.

Yours truly,
Robert Head
President

Lesbian and Gay Employees
of McGill

HYDE PARK

Working against hatred

opinion submitted by STAND

According to the MUC police, Jews are a visible minority "because they wear kippahs." Meanwhile, Gays and Lesbians were excluded from the recent MUC Community Symposium.

This summer we saw the violent arrest of 48 gay and lesbian Montréalers and their supporters, and the stoning of South Shore Natives while police stood by. Is this the friendly, loving Montréal that we once knew?

To answer that question, STAND (Students Taking Action to Network Against Discrimination) is starting its 1990-91 program. STAND is a student anti-racism/discrimination group founded two years ago through McGill Hillel.

The group brings together students from many different backgrounds so they can work actively to stamp out racism. For example, this year STAND will be

doing a series of "Dorm Raps." A Dorm Rap is an informal, casual discussion where students get to learn about how we think of each other. How common are stereotypes? Do people think that all Black students love music or that all Jews wear kippahs or that all Sikhs carry daggers? A Dorm Rap gives students a chance to unload some of their bigotted baggage.

This is just one of a number of activities that Stand will be doing this year. Other programs include: a city-wide youth conference on violence and racism, movie nights and panel discussions.

If you are interested in working with STAND or if you work with a group that would like to be affiliated, please come to a STAND meeting today at 17h, Hillel House, 3460 Stanley, or call Howard at 845-9171 or Adam at 935-5995.

Being part of STAND means doing real stuff on the front lines against hatred in your community.



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A case study in academic perversion

When universities run short of public money, they turn to Big Business. Funding is batted from marketer to researcher, with university administrators pivoting somewhere near the centre of a complicated ring of backscratches. The loss to students has been articulated through 30 years of beatings, arrests, and rumbles at the stock exchange. But the loss to scholarship, to the fundamentals of academic freedom, is as silent as snow. Here is a case study.

by Tom Philpott and Scott Henson

AUSTIN, TEXAS (NLNS)—In an ongoing battle between the Austin community and a group of large-scale developers, University of Texas President William Cunningham has sided with the developers, despite widespread opposition to their project.

Freeport McMoRan and ClubCorp, both multinational Fortune 500 companies, jointly own the property. They want to build more than 2500 luxury homes, 1900 apartment units, three golf courses, 3.3 million square feet of industrial development and several private parks.

The project would almost certainly destroy Austin's Barton Springs Pool and sits upstream of a reservoir which supplies about 20 000 Austinites with drinking water.

Last June, the developers petitioned the city to approve 19 variances to city ordinances, including nine environmental waivers. Hundreds of Austin citizens packed the council chamber in protest — over 900 signed up to speak.

In what marked one of the great outpourings of people power in the city's history, Austinites took turns addressing the Council from 18h until nearly 6h the next morning, demanding council reject the developers' plea. The council rejected it 7-0.

The developers now have two options: "incorporate" their property as a separate town to avoid Austin's water-quality restrictions, or go before the newly elected city council and try again.

The fate of the water supply remains unclear. What is clear is the intensity of the community's opposition to the development.

Yet Cunningham, president of a public university, has given the project his full support. He's even lobbied councillors for its approval.

How To Buy a University President

Cunningham sits on the board of Freeport McMoRan, a multinational precious metals firm. They paid him \$48 000 in 1989 according to the company's proxy statement. He's also a paid member of the Policy Committee of the Barton Creek Country Club owned by ClubCorp.

When the story broke, University of Texas (UT) VP Administration Ed Sharpe told *The Daily Texan* "Dr. Cunningham serves on the board as an individual and that's not related to his position at the University."

But the University's ties with the two companies don't end with Cunningham. Freeport CEO Jim Bob Moffett and ClubCorp's Robert Dedman are major donors to the University.

Moffett is a member of the UT-System Chancellor's Council, the UT-Austin Development board and the UT-Austin President's Associates. After Moffett made \$3 million in donations to the University this April, Cunningham asked the regents to name a building after him.

Dedman, whose highway Commission gives UT several million dollars in R&D contracts every year, donated \$10 million to the University recently to establish 'special' scholarships.

You get what you pay for

In the course of the campaign against the development, Freeport McMoRan's environmental record came under fire. Freeport is the number one dumper of toxic chemicals into U.S. waterways, and for 16 years its copper mining operations in Indonesia have dumped raw mine tailings into a local river system.

Last summer UT began a ten year study of ore bodies in Indonesia headed by Natural Sciences dean Robert Boyer, with funding from Freeport. Much of the area of study is owned and mined by Moffett's company Freeport Indonesia. Boyer was Moffett's thesis supervisor in the 50s.

In April 1990, Moffett gave the natural sciences college \$2 million — \$398 000 is personally controlled by Boyer. Back in 1982, Moffett funded the Robert E. Boyer Centennial professorship in geology. Although UT policy states donors can't dictate who receives the positions they endow, Moffett's old prof Boyer got the position.

Freeport Vice President D.J. Miller wrote in a June 28 letter to the *Austin Chronicle* that

the UT project is "basic scientific research" because it will be published in scientific journals.

But the letter of agreement between Freeport and UT dated April 18, 1989 — signed by the same D.J. Miller — tells a different story:

"Subject to the confidentiality restrictions hereinabove, the University shall have the right to publish the results of the project, subject to consultation with Freeport Indonesia as to timing and inclusion of Freeport Indonesia generated information, and subject to considerations of patentability and impact of publication on the operations of Freeport Indonesia and its affiliates."

This clause in the research contract violates traditional principles of academic freedom.

Rich Cowan of the National Coalition of Universities in the Public Interest, said "propriety and pre-publication restrictions make a mockery of traditional academic practices of open information."

A copy of the research proposal and contract, obtained under the Texas Open Records Act, brought this phenomenon home. Fully 10 per cent of the 55-page document had been deleted. UT claims these sections aren't subject to public exposure for "propriety" reasons.

The Texas Education Code was amended in 1985 as part of a broader trend to restrict public access to university-generated information. The law allows universities to withhold all information "that has a potential for being sold, traded or licensed for a fee." The law also gives universities the right to include restrictions to public access in research contracts, as in Freeport's case.

Freeport's contract gives the University full ownership of all data but goes on to say that "regardless of any patent, copyright or other type of intellectual property protection obtained by the university thereon, Freeport Indonesia will have a non-exclu-

sive, worldwide, royalty free right" to use all data.

Thus, the agreement takes information generated by state-employed UT professors and gives the University a financial interest in withholding that information from the public unless it can afford to pay. Meanwhile, Freeport gets it royalty-free.

Corporate profits or public service?

In speeches and Op-Ed pieces around the state, Bill Cunningham justifies UT's corporate research and massive subsidies to selected businesses under the rubric of "public service." The Freeport contract renders that prattle absurd.

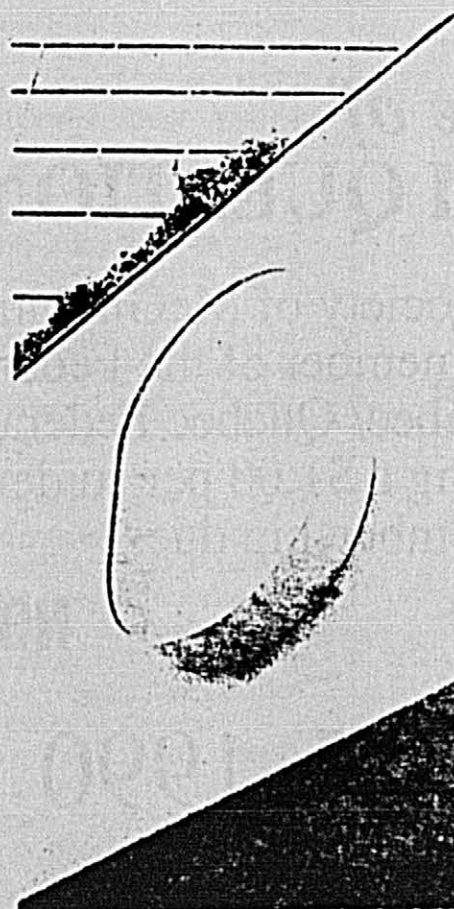
Even after it became known that the dean of natural sciences serves as director of the Indonesian project and that the CEO of Freeport was a major donor to the University, UT vice president Ed Sharpe still insisted that UT's ties to Freeport were "individual."

Empowered by the people of the state, paid by tuition and tax dollars, Cunningham and Boyer function like employees of a multinational corporation. In fact, in his role as director of Freeport Cunningham is compelled by federal law to work towards maximizing the profits of that company. And he is paid more money than most people make in a year — over \$50 000 — just to reinforce his loyalties.

When academic freedom conflicts with corporate profit, profit takes priority.

Henson and Philpott are editors of The Polemicist, an alternative newspaper at the University of Texas. Kathy Mitchell and Liz Henry provided research assistance. The Polemicist is a member paper of the New Liberation News Service.

McGill Governor of the Month



In the absence of adequate conflict of interest guidelines for the university's Board of Governors, The Daily presents this second installment of our do-it-yourself kit.

We've added a new twist this time and rather than present a slew of sirs, we've opted for but one, the 'Governor of the month'.

In the first round, we presented six of the gents and listed their many directorships, club memberships, publications, hobbies and addresses. The object of the game then, as now, was to 'connect the governors' through similar affiliations. Readers who spotted conflict of interest were encouraged to write immediately to the appropriate address to register their indignation.

But the criss-cross of conflict proved almost too much for the uninitiated and beneath the lines linking governor with governor, we lost the pudgy charm of their well-fed jowls.

So this time no photo and no confusion. Just one little man under the microscope. Good luck and have fun.

CHARLES PERRAULT

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Wrath of Grapes grape boycott group meets at 19h30 in Room 410 of the Student Union Building. A 15-minute video will be shown. All welcome. Phone 398-7432 for more info.

Lesbian Studies Coalition of Concordia find out about lesbian perspectives in education! weekly meetings, Mondays at 20h. Imone de Beauvoir Institute, 2170 Bishop St., lounge. All lesbians and women, students, faculty and staff, welcome. For more info call CUSA: 848-7474 and leave a message.

Coalition against Sexual Assault first meeting of the year to plan events and activities. Women and men welcome. 18h in the Women's Union. Phone 499-9311

QPIRG The Québec PIRG waste management committee will be holding meetings on campus recycling and reduction at 17h and on incineration and municipal waste management at 19h. Eaton Building, 5th floor, 398-7432.

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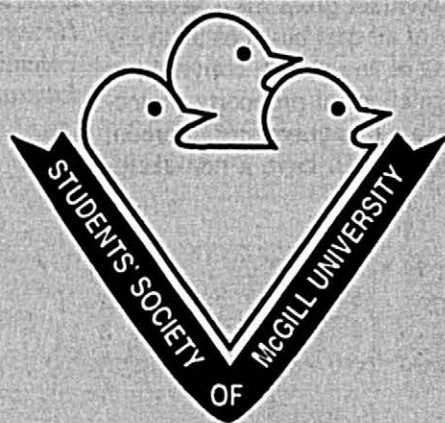
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YES**NO****NO OPINION**

Oct. 23, 24, 25, 1990

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Tory tax will hit students hard

by Andy Riga

OTTAWA (CUP) — Canadian students may be shelling out anywhere between \$340 and \$725 more next year because of the Goods and Services Tax, according to a recent study by the Ontario Federation of Students.

Although the federal government claims a tax credit will help protect those with limited incomes from the brunt of the GST, student leaders contend the tax will still hit students hard.

The GST will hurt students when it comes to paying for textbooks, clothing, electricity, restaurant and cafeteria meals, transportation and furniture. Rent will not be taxed, although critics say students can expect increases from landlords offsetting their higher operating expenses. Tuition will not be taxed.

Some relief is available through the GST credit payments — of between \$190 and \$290 per year — to those with low incomes.

Typical college and university students who are over 19-years-old qualify for the basic \$190 credit if their 1989 net income was less than \$6066. The credit rises by \$100 if income was at least \$11 066. Net income includes grants, but not loans.

A recent government pamphlet assures students that they will be better off after the GST is implemented, claiming that students and other lower- to middle-income Canadians will pay less taxes under the new law:

"Although some items presently untaxed will be subject to the GST — like textbooks, for example — after receiving the credit, most students will be better off under the GST than they are under the present federal tax system."

But Canadian Federation of Students researcher Sylvia Sioufi scoffs at the government's prediction.

She said the GST and its tax credit don't take into account the low incomes of students, whose spending habits are different from others with similar incomes.

"The government assumes that if you don't have a lot of money, you won't be spending much and (so) you won't need the credit."

"But students on a limited income still have to buy books, pho-

topics, student society fees," she said. "So even though many students have low incomes, they still have high consumption."

She said the credit will not cover the extra amount students will be spending because of the GST. And, she noted, the credit will only be partially indexed to inflation.

For its part, the GST information office is encouraging students to take advantage of the tax credit, which is paid in quarterly installments.

David Bassett of the GST office said, "On the basis of our calculations on what students spend, the GST will cost about \$200 to the average students."

"The numbers the government put together are accurate. Obviously nobody from a group is going to say our figures are right. They're going to say the GST will cost them more," he said.

Bassett added that the government will periodically review the tax credit system, although there are no plans to increase indexing to bring it in line with inflation.

"When you're massively in debt, locking into automatic increases endangers your ability to pay in the future," he said. "If the money is there in the future, well then maybe there will be an increase in that amount."

Bassett said the government is trying to encourage students who didn't include the GST credit form with their 1989 income tax return, to do so before the end of October. The first credit cheques go out in December, but those who miss the deadline will receive the first credit later, Bassett said.

The GST credit form is available at post offices and taxation offices.

Although universities and colleges qualify for a 67 per cent rebate — meaning they will effectively only pay a 2.3 per cent GST — Sioufi said institutions will still have to spend more because of the GST.

And, Sioufi said, students are eventually going to end up paying for it — through hikes in tuition and incidental fees.

Some institutions may be severely penalized by the GST. Those with faculties of medicine and engineering will be particularly hard-hit, she said, because they have high overhead costs and must spend more on equipment and supplies.

"Budgets are already tight all over," Sioufi said. "Universities are cutting back on things like libraries and research. The GST is obviously going to have a further effect on the quality of education."

At a rate of seven per cent, the GST will apply to a broad range of goods and services. The tax, set to come into effect January 1, will replace the 13.5 per cent federal sales tax, which is now charged on a narrower range of manufactured goods.



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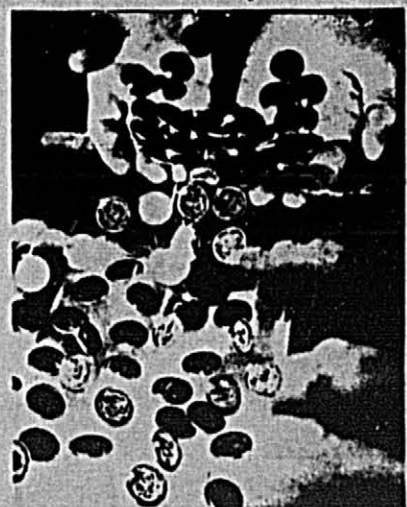
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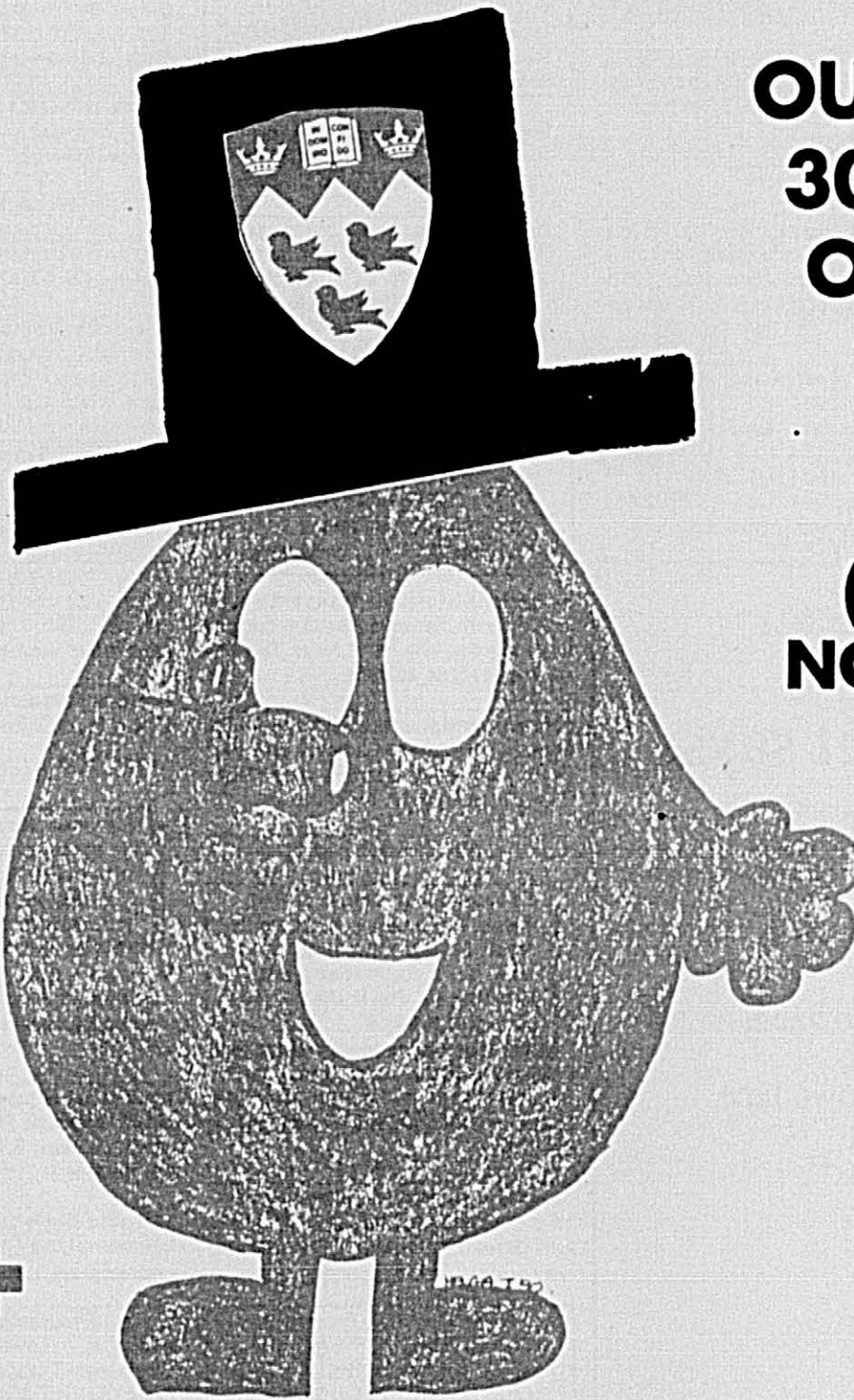
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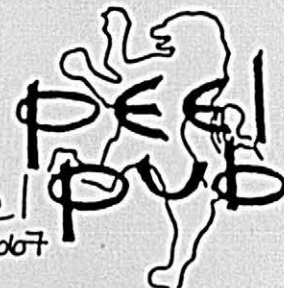
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